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OF THE

Thirty-Eighth Synod

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM

OF

THE STATE OF NEW-YORK,

AND ADJACENT PARTS.

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Saturday, Sept. 7, 1833.

IN pursuance to the adjournment of the last Synod, the members of the Ministerium assembled at the residence of the senior Pastor of St. Matthew's Church, and were by him kindly directed to their respective lodgings. The services preparatory to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, were attended to, this afternoon, in St. Matthew's Church, in the German language.

Sunday, Sept. 8.

At 10 o'clock, A. M. divine service was opened in St. Matthew's Church, by the *Senior Pastor Loci*, Dr. Geissenhainer, and the Synodical Discourse delivered by the Rev. President, Dr. Wackerhagen, in the *German* language, on 2 Cor. xiii. 8: "For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth:" after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the German Congregation of St. Matthew's Church.

The Rev. J. Berger preached, at the same hour, by request, in the Moravian Church, on John xi. 25: "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

The Rev. H. N. Pohlman likewise preached, on the same morning, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. James', on John iii. 14: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up."

At 3 o'clock, P. M. the Rev. H. N. Pohlman delivered a discourse, in St. Matthew's Church, on Mark ix. 38: "And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us."

In the evening, the Rev. J. Berger preached, on 1 Cor. xi. 24: "This do in remembrance of me:" after which the Lord's Supper was administered to the clerical and lay-members of the Ministerium present, and to a number of the members of the English Congregations of St. Matthew's and St. James'.

First Session.

Sept. 9, 1833.

On Monday, at 9 o'clock, A. M. the clerical and lay-members of the Ministerium having assembled in St. Matthew's Church, and united in singing a Hymn, the Synod was constituted with prayer by the President.

The Secretary, on calling the roll, registered the following

Clerical Members Present.

1. Rev. P. F. Mayer, D.D. Philadelphia, Pa.
2. " J. F. G. Uhl, Churchtown, N. Y.
3. " F. G. Mayer, Albany.
4. " A. Wackerhagen, D.D., Clermont, N. Y.
5. " F. W. Geissenhainer, D.D., N. Y. city.
6. " P. W. Domeier, Stone Arabia.
7. Prof. G. B. Miller, Hartwick Seminary, N. Y.
8. Rev. H. N. Pohlman, New Germantown, N. J.
9. " F. H. Guinther, Buffalo, N. Y.
10. " J. Berger, Claverack, N. Y.
11. " Wm. J. Eyer, Rhinebeck Flats, N. Y.
12. " F. W. Geissenhainer, Jr. N. Y. city.
13. " Wm. D. Strobel, do.
14. " H. I. Smith, Hartwick Seminary.
15. " C. A. Smith, Palatine, N. Y.

Clerical Members Absent.

16. Rev. Wm. J. Starman, *excused*.
17. " H. Hayunga, do.
18. " C. B. Thuemmel, do.
19. Candidate C. E. Denninger, do.
20. " Lambert Swackhammer.

Lay-Representatives.

1. Mr. Christian Dederick, of Churchtown.
2. " Conrad S. Mayer, Albany.
3. " Philip H. Mink, Germantown, Livingston, and Pine Plains.
4. " Henry Ludwig, German Congregation of St. Matthew's.

5. Mr. Jeremiah N. Smith, Dilleburg.
 6. " John M. Pultz, Millville and Ghent.
 7. " Jacob G. Lambert, Wurtemburgh.
 8. " Ernest Kass, St. James', N. Y. city.
 9. " Jacob Kline, New Germantown, German Valley, and Spruce Run.
 10. " Benjamin Birdsall, English Congregation of St. Matthew's.
 11. " William Feller presented his credentials, and was received as Lay-Delegate from the Congregation of Rhinebeck.
- Virgil D. Bonesteel, Esq. was admitted as Commissioner from a part of the Congregation of Rhinebeck.
12. Mr. Thomas Baldwin appeared in the afternoon as Lay-Delegate from the Congregation of Saddle River, N. J. This Synod was, therefore, composed of twenty-seven members entitled to vote.

The following Congregations were not represented:

Leray, Pamela, Evans Mills, Mexico-Colosse, N. Y., Ramapaugh, N. J., Waldoborough, Me., Williamsburgh and Osnabruck, U. C.

The minutes of the last Synod were read. The President now read his annual Report as follows:—

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Praised and blessed be God, the adorable Creator and Preserver of men, the supreme Disposer and Director of all human affairs, the gracious Dispenser of all blessings, that without fear or dismay, we have been enabled to approach and to enter this city from various parts of this, and other States, to attend to the duties which have called us hither, and to rejoice in each other's society, in a place, where, a twelvemonth past, disease, terror, and death, reigned.

Once more, my Brethren, the auspicious period has arrived, when our portion of the church of the Redeemer of men is represented in Synod for the purpose of communicating to each other past experiences and events, and of deliberating upon, and acting for, the future prosperity and welfare of the holy charge committed to our hands in the providence, and under the control of the supreme Lord and Judge of men. Casting a retrospective glance over the year now past, I rejoice in the assurance, that, so far as my knowledge extends, no event has occurred of a tendency to mar our present joy, or to cloud our future prospects. On the contrary, ample and cheering cause of gratitude to the ever-watchful and ever beneficent Head of the Church is given us, to praise him for the past, and to hope in him for the time to come.

General health and prosperity have dwelt in our land, our Church has enjoyed the benign smiles of her God, her borders have been enlarged, her members increased, the ranks of her ministers have not been broken nor thinned, but rather augmented, and the most favourable aspects present themselves throughout.

Sanguine, and I trust, well-founded hopes, are entertained of the immediate usefulness of missionary labours, especially in the north-western and south-western sections of our Synodical district.

Several new congregations have been organized, new temples reared for the christian worship of Almighty God, and very considerable additions made to individual churches by the late numerous emigrations from the earliest European nurseries of Protestantism, Germany and Switzerland. And here it gives me great pleasure to allude in particular to the Lutheran Church and congregation in the city of Albany, as having received a truly respectable accession of communicant members from the multitude of emigrants passing through that city to their respective places of resort in the northern and western parts of this and adjoining States. It cannot be out of place here to observe, that this accession is attributable, in a great measure, to the benevolent and praiseworthy activity of the German Society, aided by the liberality of the Lutheran Church and congregation of Albany. Judging from analogy, there can be no doubt, but the exertions of similar institutions in this city are crowned likewise with similar success, and probably on a more enlarged scale. Information received on this subject, is favourable and cheering in the highest degree.

With these preliminaries, I now call your attention to the following particulars in their chronological order :

1. Almost immediately after the adjournment of our last Synod, which had convened in the city of Albany, on the 13th and succeeding days of October, several of our brethren being still present in the city of New-York, an event of a novel and important nature took place there, which required their immediate assembling together as a self-constituted body, and their decisive and instant action. The event which I have in view, was the application for Ordination by Mr. Jehu Jones, Jun. and the granting and exercising of that Rite on the individual just named by our brethren then and there present. The documents of that transaction as transmitted to me by one of the brethren acting in the emergency, I lay before this Synod. Marked No. 1.

2. Having been by our last Synod appointed their Delegate to the Hartwick Lutheran Synod, and finding it utterly impossible, without breaking solemn engagements at home, to repair to the seat of that Synod in person, I endeavoured by letter to express the sentiments of our Synod to our Brethren in the western part of this State assembled in Schoharie, October 20th, 1832, to which I received the most friendly reply from the Rev. G. A. Lintner, President of said Synod. Marked No. 2.

3. In the month of January, I was favoured with a letter from the Rev. Wm. L. Gibson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, expressing the writer's desire to become useful in our part of the Lord's vineyard. The testimonials as to the character and standing of the Rev. Mr. Gibson appear to be unexceptionable, and are confirmed to me by verbal information derived from other sources. I would recommend the Rev. Mr. Gibson to the brotherly regard of this Ministerium ; and I have no doubt, in case he should present himself personally, and be received as a member of this Body, that in the providence of God a field will be opened for his labours in the work of truth and love. Recently I have understood that he preaches statedly in Saddle-River, one of the congregations with which our brother, Henry I. Smith, dissolved his connexion in April last. Mr. Gibson's letter is marked No. 3.

4. In the month of February, our brother Francis H. Guinther, whose formerly impaired health had, by the blessing of God, been restored during his residence in this city, received, through the mediation of our Rev. Senior, and accepted a call from a Lutheran congregation, composed chiefly of German emigrants, settled in and near Buffalo ; to which place, brother Guinther, braving the inclemency of the season, repaired forthwith, and entered upon the discharge of his ministerial duties. I deem his communication to me, marked No. 4, worthy of serious attention, as affording informing information of importance to this Ministerium at large, and to our Missionary Committee in particular.

5. It affords me much satisfaction to be enabled to assure you that the favourable aspects of our portion of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth, are not confined to this State, but extend considerably beyond its limits into the British provinces of Canada. Our Brother Hayunga, it appears, labours not in vain. The congregations under his charge in Williamsburgh, Osnabrock, &c. seem to gain in numbers and solidity. Mr. Hayunga informs me of the erection of a new House of Worship in Williamsburgh, which was solemnly consecrated by him in the month of July last. In his late letters to me, he expressed the friendly hope of meeting with us here; but ah! how vain are the thoughts, and even the best intentions of men, if not sanctioned and aided by an over-ruling Providence! Recently I received the intelligence that shortly after having left his residence for this city and this Synod, our beloved brother was, by an attack of illness as severe as unexpected, compelled to retrace his steps homeward, and to renounce the anticipated pleasure of meeting with his brethren at this time. I lament this event the more as I expected that from him we would receive information respecting the present condition of our Missionary field in the British provinces. His letter is marked No. 5.

6. In letters received from the Rev. Charles E. Denninger, of Evans Mills, he wishes to be excused for his unavoidable absence, since his great distance from this place, and the circumscribed state of his means, render the long and expensive journey almost impracticable. He prays the Ministerium to grant him a renewed Licence in the English language with the Synodical seal affixed to it, and requests the favour of receiving Ordination in the ensuing winter season in the city of Albany, whither it will be in his power to repair without incurring great expense. On this subject I purpose to lay open my views to the Brethren in our Ministerial Session. No. 6.

7. Our infirm and far-distant fellow-labourer, Brother Starman, apologizes for his absence in a letter marked No. 7.

8. It is highly gratifying to observe that those of our beloved Brethren who are mainly engaged in didactic labours, still continue to exert themselves to the full extent of their time and powers to subserve the cause of Christ and religion even beyond the limits of the literary institutions which have claims upon their services. That this has ever been the case with those members of our Ministerium who have been constituted teachers of Hartwick Seminary, is a praiseworthy fact, well known to this Synod. And it is now my pleasing duty to state, for the information of this Body, that similar evangelical and pious exertions are being made by our Brother who presides over the studies of the Clinton Liberal Institute, Oneida Co. the Rev. C. B. Thuemmel; who by his unavoidable engagements at this time excuses his non-attendance, and whose communication, marked No. 8, I commend to the kind attention of this Synod, and to the Ministerium in particular.

9. The last fact which I have to state to you, is, the resignation of the Rev. Lambert Swackhammer, a licensed candidate, of his seat among us.

His letter, couched in the most respectful and fraternal terms, expressive of the considerations which governed him in taking this momentous step, is accompanied by the certificate of his congregation, and marked No. 9.

Other matters which may concern the interests of our body, will, no doubt, be brought before you by our respective committees on important subjects, and by our Rev. Senior, who represented this Body in the late Synod of Pennsylvania.

10. Having laid before you, for consideration, the foregoing facts and events, permit me, Brethren, to detain you a few moments longer, whilst I suggest the propriety of providing for the publication of a smaller and cheaper edition of our excellent Hymn Book. Our people, especially in the country, seeing the

diminutive forms of devotional books in use among other christian denominations, and knowing the greater convenience and reduced price of such, very often express the desire to be supplied with similar editions of our own Hymn Book. In conformity with that wish of a great number of the lovers of our collection of sacred Songs, I take the liberty to recommend a new edition of a reduced size, from which the Liturgy should be excluded. To promote cheapness, it might be advisable to throw our Hymn Book separate from the Liturgy, and also the hymns in connexion with that excellent collection of prayers and forms, into market; or to receive proposals from different printers, with regard to the prices at which they would sell the different copies, larger or smaller, united with, or separate from the Liturgy.

And now, my Brethren, what wait we for but the blessing of God upon this our meeting, assembled in his name and in his cause? That the Spirit of the Most High, the Spirit of Truth, Wisdom, and Holiness, the same Spirit that filled and animated Jesus, may pervade our individual bosoms and this whole assembly, that we may have ample cause to rejoice in our mutual connexion and society, now and hereafter, that each one of us, by all that shall be said and done in our present meeting, may feel encouraged to serve the Lord Jesus Christ with renewed efforts, and finally, that God may be glorified, and many souls be brought into the fold of his beloved Son, even by our instrumentality, is the ardent wish, the fervent prayer of, my dear Brethren,

Your truly devoted Brother,

AUGUSTUS WACKERHAGEN.

New-York, Sept. 9, 1833.

I. *Resolved*, That this cheering Report be accepted, and together with the accompanying documents, laid upon the table, to be acted upon in the due order of business.

A communication from the Rev. Philip Henry Dennler, was also handed in by Dr. Geissenhainer, and marked No. 10.

The following proceedings of Sister Synods, were presented for consideration and distribution, viz. :—

24 copies of the minutes of the Synod of Ohio, 1832.

12 “ “ of the Hartwick Synod, 1832.

12 “ “ of the Synod of Maryland and Virginia,

6 “ “ of West Pennsylvania. [1831.

And 24 copies of the Lutheran Observer, containing besides other interesting matter, the proceedings of the Synod of Maryland and Virginia, 1832.

The Rev. Christopher Weber was introduced to the House as a member of the Pennsylvania Synod, and was invited to be present during its deliberations.

The Rev. Senior of the Ministerium, Dr. Geissenhainer, proposed for examination and licensure the following applicants, viz : Messrs. Lewis Smith, Jun. Christian Frederick Welden, William Adolph Fetter, Richard Collier, Philip Merkle.

The Synod ordered those communications which contained apo-

logies from our absent brethren to be read. No. 5, from the Rev. H. Hayunga was read.

II. *Resolved*, That the Rev. H. Hayunga is excused.

III. *Resolved*, That so much of his letter as relates to missionary concerns is referred to the "Education and Missionary Committee."

No. 6, A communication from Candidate C. E. Denninger, containing his apology and an application for ordination, was read.

IV. *Resolved*, That Candidate Denninger is excused.

V. *Resolved*, That the rest of his letter is referred to the ministerial Session.

No. 7, From Rev. Wm. J. Starman was read :

VI. *Resolved*, That Brother Starman is excused.

No. 8, From the Rev. C. B. Thuemmel being read, it was,

VII. *Resolved*, That the Rev. C. B. Thuemmel is excused.

VIII. *Resolved*, That the part of Mr. Thuemmel's letter respecting missionary ground, is referred to "The Education and Missionary Committee."

No. 9, Consisting of the resignation of Candidate Lambert Swackhammer, and certain resolutions passed in the church council of the congregation of Osquack, being read, it was,

IX. *Resolved*, That this whole matter be referred to a committee of three who shall report thereon. Committee, Rev. G. B. Miller, Wm. D. Strobel and lay-delegate B. Birdsall.

The clergy next handed in their parochial reports, comprising their ministerial acts since the last synod, a period of less than eleven months.

The several items contained in these reports are exhibited in the following

STATISTICAL TABLE.

	Bap- tized.		Confirmed.	Admitted.	Communicants.	No. entitled to Communion.	Burials.	S. Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Post-Offices.
	Infants.	Adults.									
Dr. Mayer,	67	1	15		*			2	16	110	Philadelphia.
Pastor Uhl,	71		18		103						Hudson, N. Y.
" F. G. Mayer,	31			25	†	197	7				Albany.
Dr. Wackerhagen,	137	5	12		140	353		1	6		Clermont.
Dr. Geissenhainer, and } " F.W. Geissenhainer, jr. }	107		25		469	500	27	1	12	100	509, } Broome-st. 507, }
" Domeier,	56	1	10		45		13				Stone Arabia.
" Miller,	1		1		18		3	2		40	Hartwick Seminary.
" Pohlman,	40	4	6		183		6	1		60	New Germantown, N. J.
" Guinther,	20		16		154		9	1	4	31	Buffalo.
" Berger,	54	3	4		133	195	16	1	24	148	Claverack.
" Eyer,	54		13		183		32				Rhinebeck Flats.
" Strobel,	15		2		100	200	10	1	15	75	497, Broome-street, N. Y.
" C. A. Smith ‡	22		7		157	200		1		50	Palatine.
" Starman,	15				121	240	14	1			Waldoboro, Me.
" Hayunga,	35	4	15								Waddington, St. Lawrence Co.
" Swackhammer,	46	4	30	8	84		12				Van Horne's-ville, Herkimer Co.
" Thuemmel,	3				20						Clinton, Oneida Co.

* Dr. Mayer, in addition to the items contained in the above statistical table, reports, that he "celebrated the Lord's Supper in September last, with 136 communicants; on Christmas-day, with 159; on Good Friday, with 197; and on Whit-Sunday, with 133: that a Tract and Book Society, and a society for the relief of poor members of the congregation, are in active operation in the same: that a convenient and handsome edifice, containing a lecture-room and rooms for the Sunday Schools, built at an expense of more than \$4000, by voluntary subscription, was opened in May, 1832: and that the accustomed services continue to be rendered by him in public, viz. those of public worship and preaching twice on the Lord's day, of catechizing on the same, and a lecture with divine service on Wednesday evening."

† Rev. F. G. Mayer likewise adds, that he had "Communicants in Oct. 1832, 74,—in Jan. 6, 1833, 67,—Easter, 1833, 77,—in July, 1833, 71: total number of communicants belonging to the congregation, 197." He also remarks: "I have preached in the German language throughout most of the year on Sunday evening, to Germans, mostly Protestants, numbering from 100 to 150, most of whom unite with the church."

‡ Pastor C. A. Smith adds, that, in the year previous to that just closed, he "baptized 30, and confirmed 9."

The Secretary expressed his regret, that, on account of the imperfect manner in which our parochial returns were rendered, it was impossible to lay before the christian public, the actual number and strength of our congregations; whereupon,

X. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to draw a form of blank parochial reports. The President appointed the Rev. C. A. Smith, Pohlman, and lay-delegate J. M. Pultz.

XI. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer's accounts and vouchers be referred, for inspection, to a committee, consisting of lay-delegates Kline and Ludwig, and the Rev. F. G. Mayer.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Dr. Mayer.

Second Session.*Monday, 3 o'clock, P. M.*

Opened with prayer by Professor G. B. Miller. The minutes of the morning Session were read and approved.

The Rev. W. L. Gibson appeared and being introduced to the house, was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

The Treasurer received the following contributions to the *Funds*:

	Synodical.	Missionary.	Education.
From Dr. Mayer,	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$0 00
The Congregation of Churchtown,	2 00	3 00	3 00
" Albany,	5 00	7 50	7 50
" Germantown, Livingston, and } Pine Plains,	2 00	2 50	2 50
United Lutheran German and English } congregations of St. Matthew's Church, } New-York city,	10 00 and in advance	50 00 21 00	50 00
Congregation of Dilleburgh,	2 00		
" Hartwick,	2 00	*	
" New-Germantown, German } Valley, and Spruce Run,	5 00	5 00	20 00
Rev. F. H. Guinther, of Buffalo,	2 00	1 00	1 00
Congregations of Ghent and Millville,	10 00	2 50	3 00
" Wurtemberg,	2 00		
" Rhinebeck,	2 00		
" St. James', New-York city,	4 00	25 00	25 00
" Palatine and Stone Arabia,	2 00		10 00
" Saddle River,	2 00		
	\$57 00	\$122 50	\$122 00

At this stage of our proceedings the Rev. Dr. Demme appeared among us as delegate from the Synod of Pennsylvania. He was cheerfully admitted to the privileges of a seat and vote in all our deliberations. Dr. Demme presented to the President, for distribution, twenty copies of the minutes of the Pennsylvania Synod, A.D. 1833.

The chairman of the committee on the Treasurer's accounts reported as follows:

"Your committee have examined the Treasurer's accounts and vouchers, and find them all correct; there remains in his hands a balance of the Missionary fund, \$57.83; of the Synodical fund, \$8.82; and of the Education fund, \$0.00. They have also examined the accounts of the Publication Committee, and find that a number of copies of Professor Miller's Discourse and of Luther's Catechism, delivered and charged to different persons, still remain unpaid.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

"JACOB KLINE, *Chairman.*"

XII. Resolved, That the report be accepted.

* The Rev. Professor G. B. Miller pledged himself to procure, among the members of his congregation and the inhabitants of Hartwick. board for one beneficiary, during one year; estimated at sixty five dollars.

In conformity with the Constitution, chapter viii. § ii. the Delegate and Commissioner from the congregation in Rhinebeck were permitted to be heard.

Mr. Bonesteel having stated certain grievances existing in the congregation which involved charges against the Rev. Wm. J. Eyer it was, on motion,

XIII. *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to investigate, and report upon the subject, to the Synod.

The President named as said committee, Rev. H. N. Pohlman, G. B. Miller, F. H. Guinther, and Messrs. Kline and Kass.

Closed with prayer by the Rev. H. N. Pohlman.

In the evening, the Rev. Wm. D. Strobel preached, in St. Matthew's church, on John xiii. 17. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

Third Session.

Tuesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Opened with prayer by the Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Carter of the German Reformed Church, the Rev. Mr. Hecht of the Pennsylvania Synod, and the Rev. Mr. Lape of the Hartwick Synod, were severally introduced to the House and invited to seats as advisory members.

The minutes of the preceding Session were read and approved.

The remaining paragraphs of the President's Report were taken into consideration.

XIV. *Resolved*, That the communication marked No. 1. be referred to the Ministerial Session.

Communication, No. 2, from the President of the Hartwick Synod, was read:

XV. *Resolved*, That the Rev. J. Berger, secretary of this Ministerium, is appointed a Delegate to the next meeting of the Hartwick Synod.

No. 3, the Rev. Wm. L. Gibson's communication to the President, is, by the constitution, strictly ministerial business.

No. 4, the Rev. F. H. Guinther's letter, having been read, it was,

XVI. *Resolved*, That said letter is referred to the "Missionary and Education Committee."

The concluding paragraph of the President's report, in which he recommends a new edition of our Hymn-book, was read: whereupon it was,

XVII. Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed with full power to add an appendix of hymns and prayers to our Hymn-book and Liturgy, and to procure its publication in editions of various sizes, on the best terms to be obtained.

The President appointed Dr. Mayer, Dr. Demme, Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer, jun., F. G. Mayer, and W. D. Strobel.

On the reading of communication No. 10,

XVIII. Resolved, That the President write to the Rev. Ph. H. Dennler, expressing the high satisfaction his labours and success afford this Synod, and assuring him that if he should apply for admission as a member of our Ministerium, he will be cheerfully received.

The committee appointed to examine the case of the Candidate L. Swackhammer, and the questions arising from it, reported as follows: That, in regard to the former, they beg leave to recommend the following Resolution to be adopted by the Synod, viz.

XIX. Resolved, That this body accept the resignation tendered by the Candidate L. Swackhammer, and that our best wishes go with him.

In regard to the mode of dissolving the connection between any congregation or minister and this Ministerium, your committee respectfully offer the following preamble and resolution:

Though we deprecate every idea of "lording it over God's heritage," and consider the union between a congregation and its minister, as well as the union of various congregations and ministers into one Synod, to be a compact strictly voluntary in its origin; yet, whereas, order is absolutely necessary to the well-being of any social body, and hence God is expressly termed in Sacred Writ a God of order; and whereas the courtesy due from man to man, not to say from christian to his brother christian, requires that no separation should take place but on adequate grounds, duly stated, and a regular dismissal first had; and, whereas, it is extremely desirable for the sake of peace and mutual good understanding, that we should agree with our sister Synod of this State as to the mode of receiving and dismissing members of our respective Synods: Therefore,

XX. Resolved, that our Delegate to the Hartwick Synod be desired to lay this matter before said body at their next meeting, and that he employ his best endeavours to effect an arrangement that may be mutually satisfactory, and tend to promote and preserve harmony and christian feeling among us.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

G. B. MILLER,
WM. D. STROBEL,
BENJ. BIRDSALL.

XXI. Resolved, That the foregoing report is accepted, and the resolutions therein contained adopted.

XXII. Resolved, That the minutes of sister Synods be referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. G. B. Miller, F. W. Geissenhainer, Jr., C. A. Smith, H. I. Smith, and lay-delegate H. Ludwig.

The Chairman of the Committee to draw a form of Parochial Reports, presented one which was accepted, and 500 copies of the same ordered to be printed.

Dr. Geissenhainer, our Delegate to the Pennsylvania Synod, reported verbally as follows:

"I was received by that Body in the most cordial and fraternal manner. As it respects the particular charge entrusted to me, by resolution viii. of our last Synod, I beg leave to state, that from the documents in my hands, it would appear that at least one-fourth of all the Lutheran Congregations which existed prior to A.D. 1752, the date of Streit's legacy, are in the district of our Synod, and entitled to claims on said legacy. I was heard on the subject with perfect and cheerful willingness to do us justice. One impediment, however, occurred to the immediate adjustment of these claims. It was suggested that, as Drs. Nemeyer and Knapp had expressed the opinion that the legacy was confined to the Congregations of Pennsylvania, there might still exist documents in Halle upon which that opinion was founded; and the Pennsylvania Synod wishing to act deliberately as well as equitably, resolved, that one-fourth part of the avails of said legacy should be retained in hand, until, by further investigation, the nature and extent of the claims of our Congregations shall be fully ascertained."

After some explanatory statements were made in reference to the same subject by Dr. Demme, it was,

XXIII. Resolved, That the report of our Delegate is accepted.

XXIV. Resolved, That the thanks of this Body are due to the Synod of Pennsylvania for their friendly attention to us in this matter.

XXV. Resolved, That the Rev. President, Dr. Wackerhagen, be our Delegate to the next meeting of that Synod.

The Rev. Jehu Jones, Jr. was introduced to the House, and invited to attend its deliberations, and especially to be present at our Ministerial Session.

Adjourned with prayer, by the Rev. F. G. Mayer.

Fourth Session.

Tuesday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with prayer by the Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer, Jr. Minutes of the morning session read and approved. On motion of Professor Miller,

XXVI. *Resolved*, That the Ministers and Lay-Delegates of this Synod use their endeavours to collect devotional books in the German language, to be placed into the hands of the "Missionary and Education Committee," for gratuitous distribution.

The Rev. H. N. Pohlman read the report of the "Missionary and Education Committee." See Appendix A.

XXVII. *Resolved*, That the Report be accepted and published in the Minutes.

XXVIII. *Resolved*, That 500 copies of the same be published separate from the Minutes for distribution in our congregations.

XXIX. *Resolved*, That the facts elicited by the Report of the Missionary and Education Committee, call for our most strenuous and persevering exertions, and that we do every thing in our power to promote the objects for which the said Committee has been established.

XXX. *Resolved*, That each Minister of this Ministerium, prior to our next Synod, preach a discourse on this subject, and take up a collection to aid the cause.

The Rev. Wm. D. Strobel, Chairman, read the report of the Committee on Hartwick Seminary.

XXXI. *Resolved*, That said Report be laid upon the table, to be acted upon to-morrow.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Wm. D. Strobel.

This evening, the Rev. Professor G. B. Miller, delivered a discourse on 2 Cor. v. 14: "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead."

Fifth Session.

Wednesday, Sept. 11th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Opened with prayer by the Rev. F. H. Guinther. Minutes of the fourth session read and approved.

XXXII. *Resolved*, That the specific sum of \$75 per annum to beneficiaries, be increased or diminished according to the discretion of the "Education and Missionary Committee."

The Committee appointed to inquire into the difficulties existing in the Rhinebeck Congregation, beg leave to report:—

That they feel the highest gratification in stating that after having

examined into the case, they found nothing to preclude the hope of amicably arranging all disagreements, and restoring the spirit of harmony and peace. This they accordingly endeavoured to do. Their endeavours, however, were altogether superseded by a declaration on the part of the Rev. Wm. J. Eyer, highly honourable to him both as a man and a christian, that, impelled by his feelings and convictions of duty as an ambassador of the Prince of Peace, he would not accept a call from the Rhinebeck Congregation, unless it should be unanimous. We cannot conclude without expressing our confident expectation that this noble conduct of the Rev. Wm. J. Eyer, when made known to the Congregation, will entirely allay existing difficulties, and produce the most happy results. The parties have requested the Committee to write to the Congregation at Rhinebeck, informing them of these particulars; which they will endeavour to do at their earliest leisure. All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

HENRY N. POHLMAN, Chairman,
GEORGE B. MILLER,
F. H. GUINThER,
ERNEST KASS,
JACOB KLINE.

After the reading of the above Report, the Commissioner from Rhinebeck arose, and stated, that he had no doubt but the magnanimous resolve of the Rev. Wm. J. Eyer, would, indeed, *entirely allay* the differences and dissensions existing in the Congregation, and restore that peace and harmony so precious and desirable. Whereupon, on motion of the Secretary,

XXXIII. *Resolved*, That this Report, so highly gratifying to this Body, is unanimously accepted; and that the sentiments expressed by both parties, so highly creditable to their christian feelings, are heartily reciprocated.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Minutes of Sister Synods, read an interesting Report, which was accepted.

XXXIV. *Resolved*, That the Secretary append to the Minutes a catalogue of the officers of the respective Lutheran Synods in the United States.

XXXV. *Resolved*, That the Secretary prepare a Statistical Table of the Lutheran Church in the United States, and present the same at our next Synod.

The Report on Hartwick Seminary, was called up for consideration. The Chairman explained the views of the Committee at large. Several of the brethren made interesting and important remarks on

the present state and prospects of the Seminary ; and after the sense of the House on the whole subject had been fully ascertained, it was,

XXXVI. Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Hartwick Seminary be accepted, and an extract thereof published in the Minutes. See Appendix B.

XXXVII. Resolved, That a Committee of seven be appointed with full power to act in reference to all matters connected with Hartwick Seminary.

Said Committee, as appointed by the President, consists of Dr. Geissenhainer, Rev. Messrs. Strobel, Pohlman, and Berger, and Messrs. Birdsall, Kline, and H. M. Western, Esq.

Nothing now remained but to determine the place of the next Synod. Invitations were given, through their respective Pastors, by the Congregations of Millville, Palatine, and Germantown. The House decided by a vote in favour of Palatine ; and it was, finally,

XXXVIII. Resolved, That this Synod now adjourn to meet on the last Saturday of August, in A.D. 1834, at the Church under the pastoral care of the Rev. C. A. Smith, in Palatine, Montgomery county, N. Y.

The Brethren united in singing the Christian Farewell, hymn 381, and our Rev. President closed with prayer.

Ministerial Session.

Wednesday, 3, P. M. Sept. 11th, 1833.

The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. H. I. Smith.

The papers, marked No. 1, which related to the Ordination of the Rev. Jehu Jones, Jr. and which had been referred to the Ministerial Session were taken into consideration. The Ministerium decided that, in the emergency which called for their prompt and decisive action, *the Brethren had done well, and their act was thus approved* ; but as the Rev. Mr. Jones did not, although present, apply for admission into our clerical Body, no formal resolution on the subject was deemed necessary.

The Rev. Wm. L. Gibson applied for admission into the Ministerium, and presented his credentials of Ordination, and other testimonials of character and standing as a Minister.

I. Resolved, That Dr. Geissenhainer, Rev. Wm. D. Strobel, and Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer, Jr. be a Committee to examine the credentials and testimonials of the Rev. W. L. Gibson, and report on the same.

The Rev. applicant being present, stated his views and motives

in seeking a connexion with our Church and Ministerium, and the Committee reported favourably: whereupon it was unanimously,

II. Resolved, That the Rev. Wm. L. Gibson is admitted as a member of this Ministerium, and considered as having the regular pastoral charge of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregations of Saddle-River and Ramapough, N. J. so soon as he shall have complied with the requirements of our constitution. See Constitution, chap. v. § 10.

The Rev. Christopher Weber applied for admission into our Ministerium. After he had withdrawn, it was ascertained from the statements of Drs. Geissenhainer and Demme, and also from the Minutes of the Pennsylvania Synod, that Mr. Weber, recently from Europe, had been, after due examination, admitted as a member of that Body; upon which it was unhesitatingly decided that this application comes under sec. 11, of chap. v. of the constitution, and,

III. Resolved, That the Rev. Christopher Weber is received as a member of this Ministerium.

The communication, marked No. 6, from the Rev. candidate, Charles E. Denninger, was taken up.

IV. Resolved, That the license of the Rev. candidate, Charles E. Denninger, be renewed and granted according to his request.

V. Resolved, That the President suggest to him the expediency of deferring his Ordination until our next Synod in Palatine.

The following communication was laid before the House, to wit:
“Rev. Mr. President:—

“I wish you would do me the favour to lay the following before the Ministerium:

“Brethren: The increasing infirmities of age, and the distance which I have to go when I have to perform divine service, afford the chief motives which induce me to retire from the ministry. I therefore beg leave to resign my seat in this Ministerium. That the blessing of God may be with all my brethren, and all the Congregations under their care, is the sincere wish of your affectionate brother,

PETER WILLIAM DOMEIER.

“New-York, Sept. 11th, 1833.”

VI. Resolved, That his resignation be accepted.

VII. Resolved, That the President write to the Congregation of Dilleberg, informing them of this event.

VIII. Resolved, That the Secretary and the Rev. F. H. Guinther, and the Rev. C. A. Smith, visit the Dilleberg Congregation, and ascertain such facts as are proper to be communicated to the Missionary Committee.

The Ministerium now proceeded to the examination of the applicants for licensure, viz: Messrs. Lewis Smith, Jr. Christian Frederick Welden, Adolph Fetter, Richard Collier, Philip Merkle.

After a satisfactory examination in the requisite qualifications of "a good minister of Jesus Christ," the applicants withdrew, and it was,

IX. *Resolved*, That Lewis Smith, Jr. Christian F. Welden, and Adolph Fetter, receive letters of Licence, this evening, in St. Matthew's, (those of the two former not to go into full effect until they shall respectively arrive at the age of twenty-one years.)

X. *Resolved*, That Richard Collier have time to present his testimonials as to character to the President; and if satisfactory, he be licensed in St. James' Church to-morrow evening.

XI. *Resolved*, That Philip Merkle be advised to apply himself to the acquirement of a competent knowledge of the English language, and that the propriety of his licensure be left to the clergymen residing in the city of New-York.

XII. *Resolved*, That these several Licentiates labour under the direction of the Missionary Committee.

The Rev. H. N. Pohlman resigned his pastoral charge over the Congregation of Spruce Run, N. J.

The Ministerial Session was closed with prayer by the Rev. Senior, Dr. Geissenhainer.

In the evening, the Rev. P. F. Mayer, D.D. preached in St. Matthew's Church, on 2 Cor. iii. 8: "The Ministration of the Spirit."

At the close of the sermon the President delivered a solemn charge, and presented letters of Licensure to the three applicants named in Resolution ix. of the Ministerial Session; who were thus, upon their promise to abide by the constitution, received as members of the Ministerium.

The President expressed the thanks of the members of the Synod to the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregations of the city of New-York, for the brotherly kindness which they have shown us, and closed the interesting solemnities with the benediction.

On Thursday evening, divine service was held in St. James' Church. Sermon by the Rev. H. N. Pohlman, on James ii. 10: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."

On this occasion, the President solemnly charged, and publicly li-

censed the applicant, Richard Collier, and received his promise to abide by the constitution.

And, finally, he dismissed the audience with the apostolic blessing: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."

I certify that the foregoing is a true and faithful account of the proceedings of the Thirty-Eighth Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New-York and adjacent parts.

JACOB BERGER, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Missionary and Education Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New-York and adjacent parts, read before the Synod of 1833, in St. Matthew's Church, in the City of New-York.

The Missionary and Education Committee begs leave respectfully to submit to the Synod their Annual Report.

It could not have been expected from the paucity of our resources, and the little knowledge as yet diffused as to our purposes, that the operations of your Committee would have been very extensive. We have still been able to do something, and at least to prepare the way for further and more successful exertions.

In the month of May last, application was made by a young gentleman, who came very well recommended, and whose qualifications were such as to bring him within the scope of your provisions. The Committee immediately afforded him the means of going to Hartwick Seminary, where he was shortly after called to the assistance of the Rev. Prof. Miller in the academical department, and the compensation received from the Trustees, precludes the necessity of assistance for the time back. He, however, asks the aid of your Committee for the coming year, which will be granted. Another application has also been made by a student about entering upon his theological course at the Seminary, and it is probable we shall return a favourable answer to his petition. We beg leave to suggest to the Synod the propriety of extending their limitations from \$75 to \$100 per annum, as the former is barely sufficient to pay the expenses of board; and when a young man is destitute of friends, leaves him without the means of procuring books and clothing.

The Committee know not in what language to urge upon the attention of our Congregations the necessity of attending to this branch of the cause in which they are engaged. It is a deplorable fact, that we are very deficient in the number of our ministers. Old congregations can scarcely be supplied, when they become vacant; many have thereby been lost to us: and we have none to send to those settlements, which are constantly forming in different parts of our Synodical district. It is necessary that this deficiency should not only be supplied, but be supplied as speedily as possible. How this can be accomplished, unless facilities are thrown in the way of young men who are anxious to prepare themselves for the gospel ministry, we are at a loss to determine. Many a pious and well-disposed young

man has been compelled to abandon a pursuit to which he was directed by a strong sense of duty, merely because pecuniary difficulties lay in his way. It is not our wish or intention to buy men to the service of the Church. We scorn the thought of having hirelings in the fold of Jesus; but it is our purpose only to further the views of those of whom we have been convinced that they may be entrusted with the interests of our Lord's Zion. What benevolent mind could refuse assistance to one, whose talents and bent of mind peculiarly fitted him for any profession, but who lacked the means of acquiring it; and must not the claim of those be still stronger, whose attention has been directed to the everlasting gospel, and who are anxious to aid in leading sinners from the error of their ways? There is a something so truly animating in the thought of being instrumental in sending forth one, who shall assist in speeding the flight of the Angel which hath the everlasting gospel to preach unto the nations, that instead of being urged, we should suppose that every one would be anxious to enlist in so holy a cause; to do everything in his power, that he may rear a living, speaking monument of his zeal in his master's service.

Your Committee have not been able to do much in the Missionary cause. In November last an application was received from the Congregation in Buffalo, which was recommended to the attention of the Rev. Mr. Guinther. He accepted the invitation, and we are pleased to say that his reception there has been a favourable one. We have also appropriated a small sum of money for the purpose of exploring the ground in the neighbourhood of Newark and Elizabethtown, N. J. A number of Lutheran families reside at present in both of these places, and they are on the increase. The prospect of making large and permanent establishments *there*, appears to be favourable. The people are principally new settlers, and must necessarily stand in need of our assistance; and as it may be only for a short time, and the call so near home, we think it should not be unheard. We have some intimations that the visits of one of our clergymen in the neighbourhood of Tappan, would not be unacceptable. There are some Lutheran families, others favourably disposed, and no church within some distance. These three places might be advantageously combined in one Missionary station, or the two former might be made one, and the latter might be recommended to the clergyman having charge of Saddle-River and Ramapough.

The Rev. Mr. Pohlman has signified his intention of resigning the charge of his Congregation at Spruce Run, N. J. It will claim our immediate attention, as the assistance required of us will be small, and the field appears to be a favourable one for establishing a very large congregation.

We have also intimations of some German settlements not far from West-Point, to which Mr. Perscher formerly preached occasionally. The ground here ought, as soon as convenient, to be surveyed; and the Committee would recommend to the Synod the propriety of

appointing some one of the Brethren to visit said people as soon as possible.

What we have stated above, bears but little comparison in point of interest to the calls which have been made upon us by our Brethren in the western part of the State of New-York. Wherever we cast our eyes, there is something in the prospect which calls upon us to be sowing the seed of a glorious harvest, to be hereafter gathered. We may indeed say, that "there is much land yet to be possessed." We subjoin extracts from the letter of a Rev. Brother in the extreme west, which cannot fail to interest the Synod. "I thank you for your solicitude in behalf of this part of our Zion. It was gratifying to me to find your attention turned in this direction, and that our western part of the State is at last inquired of by your Missionary Committee. You are perhaps aware, what number of Lutheran ministers labour in this western section. The number is comparatively small, only about four. Their congregations are, however, likely to be well established and perpetuated. Exclusive of these churches, all this western part forms one extensive field, to be occupied by Missionaries, who are sustained by Missionary societies, or at least from some other source than the people amongst whom they labour. In many places the people live scattered, and it would require time to collect them into congregations. * * * I know at present but two places where ministers could be settled and gain a tolerable support. The one is a station composed of Rochester and the congregation at Rush, about ten miles from each other. The Rush congregation till latterly was under my care ; but I have resigned it with a view of connecting it with Rochester, and thus intending to procure a minister to take charge of both places. In Rush there is a flattering prospect of rearing a large congregation, provided they are attended to immediately. In Rochester, no Lutheran minister has as yet made the effort ; but I have been informed that the prospects are sufficiently encouraging to warrant the attempt.

There used to be a Lutheran minister in Alleghany county, by the name of Rupert ; but he is now dead, and ever since, the people have been without the preached gospel from a Lutheran. I have recently communicated with them ; they say, since their vacancy they have been visited by other denominations, and will most probably be absorbed by them. It is a new settlement, and the people are as yet poor. The number of families is upwards of one hundred. These people merit immediate attention : they have rather given up to despair, but could again be revived and enabled to support a minister. A small aid from the Missionary fund would put it beyond a doubt. If you could procure a minister for Rochester and Rush, I would be gratified : or if you could send a Missionary to this country, it would be beneficial to the interests of our church. I have no doubt but that it *may* be made as strong in the western as in the eastern part of the State."

Similar letters have been received from the Rev. Mr. Guinther,

mentioning several small congregations in the neighbourhood of Buffalo, and one in Canada; and the Rev. Mr. Dennler represents the section in which he resides, in the neighbourhood of Rome, as an extensive field for Missionary labour. The Rev. Mr. Thuemmel has also formed a congregation near Clinton, in Oneida county, and he seems to have directed his attention to some new opening. The Brethren in Rochester and Rush seem to demand our immediate attention; and if it be in the power of your Committee, we will send them a Missionary without delay. We make the same observations in regard to the congregation in Alleghany; and our Missionary, or Missionaries, whilst attending to them, will have an opportunity of exploring new fields and forming new congregations. We cannot but believe that there are many such to be found amongst us. The immense concourse of Germans constantly flocking to our shores, tells us that there must be such; and we have no hesitation in saying, that had we the resources, we could immediately find employment for four or five ministers in the western counties of this state alone. The Committee have not overlooked the scenes by which they are at present more *immediately* surrounded. Wherever they turn, they have evidences of the great number of German emigrants who have taken up their abode in this city; and they hope to be able to recommend means which will assist in gathering them into a congregation.

And what a spectacle does not all this present to our long established congregations! Is it not one calculated to encourage the zeal of those who have already enlisted in the cause; and to warm the hearts of others, who, in the possession of all the means of grace and blessings of religion, have never turned a thought to those who have no sanctuaries in which to worship—no one to dedicate their infant race to *Him* who purchased them with his own blood—no one to soothe the anguish of the sick man's bosom, "by pointing him to hope smiling on a Redeemer's cross"—no one to say the last sad offices for the dead, or to bid the mourner look to Him who is *the Father of the fatherless, and the widow's God*? Never before have we been called upon, to make such strenuous exertions as at present. Many of our old congregations have been almost lost to *us*; many places which invited our exertions, have been occupied by others. Let us now begin to think of taking some decided stand by which we may show to the world, whether it be our intention that our church shall flourish or not. We have no desire to intrude upon others; our only anxiety is to preserve our own—to keep the house of our fathers from falling into decay—to extend and build up the first Church of the Protestant Reformation. And is there nothing in the name she bears, and in the doctrines she proclaims, to make her worth preserving? Do we not profess to build our faith upon that great foundation-stone, *Christ Jesus*? Do we not preach salvation through a crucified Redeemer? Do we not *contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints*? And shall we not, then, awaken, and prepare to fight the battles of our Master? Let us never forget that our fathers

were once strangers in a strange land ; and when we then turn our eyes to their suffering brethren who are hungering and thirsting for the bread and waters of life, must we not be anxious to supply them with them ? It is very well known that our Christian Brethren of other denominations are exerting their utmost powers for the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom. It is their duty and privilege to direct their attention to every destitute spot ; and if we take no care of our own household, it is manifest that they will : and unless we are found directing our attention to the subject immediately, it is manifest that a harvest which now invites us to put in the sickle, will soon be gathered by others. It is not necessary for us, in this enlightened day, to impress the duty of doing good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. The day has passed, when Christians, bound by the chains of a narrow and contracted spirit, were content to consult their own immediate good, and to permit others to launch upon the boundless ocean of eternity, untaught and unblessed. We begin to realize that *we*, though many, are *one* body in Christ Jesus, and that we are all bound to labour for the promotion of each other's welfare. With such motives, with such prospects, and with such loud calls, let all the Brethren exert their utmost powers in the cause of truth. Let the love of Him, who was rich and for our sakes became poor, influence your hearts. Let the welfare of immortal beings, the interests of the Church of your fathers, the fond recollections of the father-land, the example of the immortal Luther, all persuade you ; and if the spirit which is enkindled be commensurate to the objects which call our attention, we may soon expect to see our Church rising and prospering. The present number of Lutheran churches in the State of New-York and adjacent parts, is 74—ministers 43—communicants 8000—population about 50,000 ; and we have very little doubt but that the number may be greatly increased, if not doubled, by proper attention, in the course of ten years.

Similar prospects present themselves to the Brethren in the other States ; and we are pleased to see the spirit manifested by many of our Synods. The whole of our church presents one vast field of Missionary labour. Our increase by emigration is greater than that of any Protestant denomination, and composed of a class of people who, for a few years at least, are able to do but little in the way of supplying themselves with the stated ministry of the gospel. There are in the United States about 1250 Lutheran churches, 750,000 population, and only 250 ministers*—a number comparatively very small : and without looking for any other facts than those contained in this short statement, what a loud demand is not made upon us for exertion ! And when we take in connection with our present situation, our rapidly increasing numbers, the scenes of moral desolation around us, the fair prospects of extending our borders almost indefinitely, we believe that our Brethren will not leave us to struggle alone.

* See Lutheran Preacher, p. 80.

Our wants are great, and our resources few. Let us once more urge you to arise in all your strength, and go to the relief of those who are beseeching us to "come over into Macedonia, and help them."

We are anxious to elicit the co-operation of our Brethren of the Hartwick Synod; and if this can be effected, we have little doubt but that the happiest effects must result from the steps we have already taken. We have but just commenced our work. The field is vast and extensive; *let us not be weary in well-doing.*

Respectfully submitted.

F. W. GEISSENHAINER,

Chairman of the "Missionary and Education Committee."

WM. D. STROBEL, Secretary.

HENRY N. POHLMAN,
FREDERICK G. MAYER,
J. BERGER.

New-York, 7th September, 1833.

APPENDIX B.

Extract of the Report of the Committee on Hartwick Seminary.

The committee on Hartwick Seminary beg leave respectfully to report to the Synod,—

That, in the discharge of the duties devolving upon them, they visited the said Institution at the late commencement and annual meeting of the board of Trustees, in the last week of August. Shortly after the last commencement, the Rev. C. B. Thuemmel resigned the station of assistant Professor, and the Reverend Principal has had to labour alone till within a few months, since when he has had the assistance of Mr. Springer, a student of Theology. The consequence has been, that during the past year, the Institution does not present as flourishing an aspect as in former times. Our confidence in the Rev. Prof. Miller, however, remains undiminished. For we believe, that he has done every thing in his power; but it is impossible for him or any other man to contend against circumstances beyond his control. The following exhibit gives the number of students, during the different terms of the past year. October term, 5 students of Divinity—5 Preparandi at various stages—14 Classical students. January term, 5 students of Divinity—5 Preparandi—16 Classical students. May term, 4 students of Divinity—6 Preparandi—22 Classical students—there remain in the Institution, 2 students of Divinity, and 5 Preparandi. Mr. L. P. Haesbert has been licensed during the year by the Pennsylvania Synod, and 3 of the students have entered College. We attended the examination of the students both Classical and Theological, and believe that with proper means, every facility would be afforded for the acquirement of the various branches of knowledge which are there taught. A regular system of Education is however wanted, and the requirements in Theology might be made greater. On the evening of the 27th we were present at the annual exhibition of the Philophronian Society, when nine addresses were delivered, much to the satisfaction of the audience and to the credit of the young gentlemen. The next evening four addresses were delivered by the Theological students, and all present expressed the highest satisfaction at the manner in which they acquitted themselves. The following were the persons and the subjects of their addresses—1. An address to young men on the subject of engaging in the work of the Ministry, by M. I. Stover. 2. On the cause of Missions, by Levi Sternberg. 3. Man has strayed from the path of rectitude, and nothing but the Bible can restore him, by Francis Springer. 4. On the Reformation, by Reuben Dederich.

We have been furnished with the following exhibit of the state of the funds of the Institution, from the annual report of the Agent, which, unpromising as was the past year, still shows a surplus income.

There is at interest the sum of	\$16,247 87
Interest due,	638 62
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Real estate estimated at	\$16,886 49
Turnpike stock,	300 00
	1,250 00
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\$18,436 49

Estimated Revenue of 1832, and 1833.

Interest on demand at 7 per cent.	\$1,125 00
Rent on real estate,	20 00
Turnpike stock dividend,	20 00
Regents of the University,	130 00
Tuition,	300 00
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	\$1,595 00

Estimated disbursements.

Salary of Principal,	\$700 00
Assistant,	450 00
Contingent expenses,	250 00
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	\$1,400 00

Surplus, \$195 00

We have also been politely furnished with a copy of the following resolutions of the Board, calculated to remove some of the restrictions at present resting upon Theological students, and at the same time, to secure the Board against imposition.

Resolved, That every person pursuing preparatory studies, of the age of 16 years, shall be admitted free from the charge of tuition on the following terms, to wit:

1. He shall make a written declaration of his intention to qualify himself to become a Minister of the Lutheran Church.

2. The Principal shall be satisfied, that such student intends to qualify himself for the ministry in the Lutheran Church.

3. That such student shall lodge with the Principal, a written obligation from his parent, guardian, or some responsible person or persons, to pay to the Trustees the usual charges of tuition, in the event such student shall not pursue his Theological studies, according to his written declaration aforesaid.

Without knowing that the foregoing resolution had been acted upon, your committee submitted the following, which would have superseded the necessity of them, and perhaps as well have answered the object of the Board, whilst it would have removed all the responsibility which now rests upon the Principal.

Resolved, That no person be received as a Theological student in Hartwick Seminary, till he shall have placed himself under the direction of some Lutheran Synod, and comes recommended by its constituted authorities; and when any one shall come thus recommended, he shall receive his tuition gratis.

Whether said resolution was acted upon or not, we have not been informed. It affords us pleasure to say, that the Board of Trustees, have taken up the state of the Institution with much zeal, and seem determined to do something to promote its welfare. If their cause be such a one, as we have reason to hope for, from their experience, we have much to expect.

We are convinced that Hartwick Seminary, *located where it now is*, may be handsomely supported—that it may be made an Institution of great utility to our Church, not only in preparing young men for the Gospel Ministry, but in affording us a place where the children of our Church may

be educated under our own direction and influence. We consider it the duty of this Synod, and of each member of it to encourage and foster Hartwick Seminary, so long as it shall be placed in circumstances which enable us to do so with confidence. And as the funds of that Institution have been entrusted to the Board of Trustees, with a special view of benefiting the Lutheran Church, we hope that they will endeavour to pursue a course calculated to elicit the good feelings, and secure the co-operation of the two Synods of this State. The Rev. Dr. Hazelius, was elected Principal, with the concurrence of the Rev. Professor Miller, but we learn that he has declined the invitation. It is now left with the committee to select an assistant. The Rev. C. A. Smith being obliged to leave Hartwick, the Rev. H. N. Pohlman was requested by the Secretary of the Synod, and the Chairman of your committee to act in his stead.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed,)

WM. D. STROBEL, *Chairman.*

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Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New-York and adjacent parts. A.D., 1833.

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" J. BERGER, A. M., *Secretary*, Claverack, N. Y.
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